

DRAKE'S WILL REVEALS MODERN INSTANCE OF DAMON AND PYTHIAS

Legacy to Old Friend of Dead
Millionaire Result of In-
timate Friendship.

Through the will of the late Lawrence Drake, millionaire member of an old New York family, there was revealed to-day something of the story of a lifelong devoted friendship between two inflexible bachelors, drawn together in the early days of their manhood and their comradeship cemented by a mutual distrust of womankind. Samuel R. Weiser is the Pythias to the late millionaire's Damon, and no final proof of his friend's devotion stands the clause in the Drake will by which Mr. Weiser holds a life tenancy in the richly furnished Drake residence at No. 330 West Fifty-seventh street and receives an annuity of \$2,500 and a cash legacy of \$5,000.

Lawrence Drake was 76 years old when he died a week ago, having never fully recovered from a paralytic stroke in June. Mr. Weiser is about 60 years old. He was in his twenties when Drake and he after several casual meetings in New York clubs became intimate friends.

Something like thirty-five years ago Mr. Drake established his bachelor home in the Fifty-seventh street mansion, taking Weiser in with him. They have been inseparable ever since.

In the matter of art collecting Mr. Weiser was just as enthusiastic and expert as his wealthy friend, a fact recognized in the will, which provides that the magnificent collections of art objects in the Fifty-seventh street house shall remain in Weiser's custody so long as he cares to live there. Should he give up the house the art collection is to be distributed among the Drake heirs.

"Weiser and I will never marry," Drake often declared. "We both know too much and too little about women."

Mr. Drake retired from active business a number of years ago, taking to his travels more ardently than ever. Last spring, however, his health began to fail, leading up to the stroke of paralysis in June. Throughout the three months of Mr. Drake's illness his friend hardly left his side. The strain proved too great, and to-day Mr. Weiser, broken in spirit by his grief and in health by the sleepless nights he spent this summer at his country's bedside, starts on a health seeking trip South.

Mr. Weiser was too ill to talk to-day, but some of the details of this story of faithful friendship were told by the late millionaire's nieces, Mary Hopeton Drake of No. 8 East Eighty-first street and Susan E. Drake of No. 127 West Eightieth street.

HEADQUARTERS GETS 'BOMB.'

Package of Loaded Shotgun Shells
Found in Niche for Lamp.

George Fuchs, a cleaner at Police Headquarters, found a queer looking package in a niche in the porte-cochere

on the north end of the building when he was sweeping the walks to-day. The niche was made to hold a lamp in the entrance.

The cleaner took the package to Lieut. Fogarty, who opened it carefully and found two boxes of loaded shotgun shells. They were sent to the Mulberry street station for inspection by Inspector Owen Egan of the Bureau of Combustibles.

Lieut. Fogarty said he was puzzled to understand why the package had been placed at the portals of Headquarters; it might have been hidden there hurriedly, he thought, by the robber of a sporting goods store who thought himself followed by a detective or else there might have been a plot to start a practical joke by making a harmless "bomb explosion" by setting fire to the boxes and heating them to the exploding point.

Guthrie Guests of Mikado.

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